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17 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Office of National Estimates

SUBJECT : NIE 4-3-61 - "Nth" Country Estimate

The attached changes to the GMAIC NIE 4-3-61 contribution dated 20 July 1961 were agreed by GMAIC on 16 August 1961. It is requested that these changes be inserted into the original GMAIC contribution.

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Changes and Additions to 20 July 1961 GMAIC
Contribution to NIE 4 - 3 - 61

1. Insert - 3rd page - continue from last sentence on page - new paragraph.

The selected "Nth" Countries either are being or may be supplied with complete missile or rocket delivery systems through foreign aid agreements or purchases. These delivery systems will most probably be short range types only, equipped with H.E. warheads. In the event that it was desirable or necessary to provide nuclear warheads for these delivery systems, the control and utilization of these devices would be entirely by the sponsoring country.

2. Page 7 - Insert after 4th line from bottom page - new paragraph.

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There is evidence to indicate that the USSR may have begun supplying the Chinese Communists with short range surface-to-surface ballistic missiles.] Soviet guided missiles with ranges of 150 n. m. and 350 n. m. could be included among the types to be supplied to Communist China. Although these missiles are capable of carrying nuclear as well as HE warheads, there are clear indications that the Soviets do not presently intend to make nuclear warheads available to Communist China under any circumstances.] We believe that the Chinese Communists could have a limited operational capability with Soviet supplied short range SSM's equipped with HE warheads some time within the next year or so.

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The Chinese probably now have a *limited* missile
Program & there is evidence that ~~they~~ the USSR
may have begun supplying them with ~~short~~ short
range (150-300 k.m.) surface to surface ballistic
guided missiles.

3. Insert - Page 12 - after line 5 - new paragraph.

Indonesia

A recently completed arms agreement between Indonesia and the USSR included the supply of an air-to-surface missile to Indonesia. This missile is believed to be the Soviet KOMET type missile which is estimated to have a nuclear delivery capability to a range of 55 miles.

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4. Insert - Page 12 - Following section on Indonesia above - New paragraph.

Nationalist China

The U.S. has supplied Nationalist China with the complete Matador system less nuclear warhead. These surface-to-surface cruise missiles which are capable of carrying nuclear warheads are now in the hands of trained troops. Nationalist China already (1961) has a limited delivery capability using the Matador.

5. Insert - Page 12 - Following last line on page - new section and paragraph.

United Arab Republic

Since 1959 the UAR has apparently been working on a surface-to-surface missile project utilizing primarily West German missile specialists. Two firing attempts of a liquid fueled vertical rocket have been reported by a single source. The first firing, on 22 July, reportedly failed, but a successful attempt was reported on 4 August. The UAR may be able to achieve an operational capability with a 200 - 500 n. m. missile by the end of the decade. While the UAR may obtain complete rocket or missile delivery systems from the USSR, there is no evidence to substantiate this possibility.

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